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ASHLAND OIL HAS ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON SOUTH AFRICAN LABELING REQUIREMENTS. ASHLAND HAS BEEN INFORMED OF REGULATIONS REGARDING THE LABELING AND SALE OF POISONS (R. 2000, DECEMBER 15, 1966). COMPANY SEEKING TO SELL RANGE OF AUTOMOBILE CARE PRODUCTS DESIRES FURTHER SPECIFICATION ON THE FOLLOWING:

DOES SOUTH AFRICAN LAW REQUIRE "CAUTION" LABELS ON CONTAINERS WITH INSTRUCTIONS WARNING AGAINST EXPOSING TO HEAT, DROPPING IN INCINERATOR, INHALING VAPORS, GETTING IN EYES?

ARE LABELS REQUIRED TO INDICATE EMERGENCY TREATMENT FOR ACCIDENTAL INGESTION OR CONTACT WITH SKIN OR EYES SUCH AS FLUSH WITH WATER, INDUCE VOMITING, CONTACT PHYSICIAN? ALSO, ARE THERE REGULATIONS WHICH SPECIFY THE SIZE, SHAPE, COLOR AND PLACEMENT ON CONTAINERS OF CAUTIONARY LABELS? FINALLY ARE CAUTIONS REQUIRED TO BE IN BOTH AFRIKAANS AND ENGLISH? KISSINGER

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